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SUBJECT: NEW OB - DURBAN

1. CONSUL GENERAL/DURBAN AND RSO/PRETORIA MET MONDAY, 15 MARCH 1976, WITH NOB AND CONTRACTOR OFFICIALS RE PROPOSED NOB RENOVATIONS. BASIC ASSUMPTION UNDERLINING TALKS WAS THAT VAULT CONFIGURATION WOULD BE AS RECOMMENDED BY SITE SURVEY TEAM IN ITEM 5-E OF DURBAN A-80 DATED 12 DECEMBER 1975. (I.E. THAT SOUTH AND EAST EXTERIOR WINDOW/WALL AREA OF VAULT WILL BE GRILLED RATHER THAN CONSTRUCTING SOLID VAULT WALL.) REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRMATION ASAP RE THIS "EXTERIOR GRILLE" ASSUMPTION.

2. AS A RESULT OF 15 MARCH DISCUSSIONS, ARCHITECT PLANS COMPLETE DRAWINGS FOR NOB OFFICE SPACE BY 23 MARCH. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE CALLS FOR COMPLETED CONTRACTOR AND ARCHITECT PLANS WITH COST ESTIMATES TO BE PRESENTED TO DURBAN CONSULATE GENERAL ON OR ABOUT 5 APRIL. WITH RESPECT TO PREPARATION FOR THESE PLANS, ARCHITECT AND CONTRACTOR REQUEST FOLLOWING INFORMATION SOONEST:

A. SIZE AND COMPLETE SPECIFICATIONS OF CHILL WATER UNIT TO SERVICE VAULT AREA. FYI, VAULT WILL BE LOCATED ON 29TH FLOOR AND BUILDING HAS TENTATIVELY ESTABLISHED SPACE ON 31ST FLOOR FOR CHILL WATER UNIT. AS PER PRETORIA 1027, CHILL WATER UNIT CAN BE OBTAINED LOCALLY.

B. CONTRACTOR'S ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR C&R AREA.

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C. AS PER SECOND PARA STATE 050377, OC PREPARING ADDITIONAL "REQUIREMENTS". WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC COMMENT IF THOSE REQUIREMENTS PERTAIN TO EXTERNAL SOUTH AND EAST WALLS OF PROPOSED VAULT AS ALREADY DISCUSSED PARA ONE ABOVE. ASSUME OC FACILITIES BRANCH PREPARING INSIDE C&R LAYOUT. CONTRACTOR WOULD APPRECIATE THIS INFO SOONEST. FYI, PLUMBING FOR TOILET INSIDE VAULT WILL BE VIA DUCT IN NORTHEAST CORNER OF VAULT. BOWDLER

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